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Dear Mr. Jackson:

This is in response to your "REQUEST/PETITION TO ACCORD A FILING DATE..." received 09 May 2001 for papers filed 20 September 2000 for the national stage application of PCT/EP99/01894. Applicant is hereby notified that the papers filed 20 September 2000 have been received in the Office and assigned U.S. patent application 09/646,624. Also a declaration of the inventor was received in the Office on 09 October 2001. The application is being processed by the U.S. Designated/Elected Office and an Office action will soon be issued.

Sincerely,

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